

**In the Claims**

**Please substitute the following claims 16 and 18 for the claims 16 and 18 now pending in the above-identified application.**

**Please cancel claim 28 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.**

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

Claims 10-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer in combination with insulin, wherein the insulin sensitizer is selected from ~~the group consisting of~~

- 1) pioglitazone or a salt thereof;
- 2) ~~5-[[6-(2-fluorobenzyl)oxy]-2-naphthyl]methyl]-2,4-thiazolidinedione;~~
- 3) ~~CS-011; and~~
- 4) ~~BM-13-1258;~~

wherein said acidosis is diabetic acidosis or acidosis caused by a biguanide.

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for improving or treating acidosis in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of an insulin sensitizer selected from ~~the group consisting of~~

- 1) pioglitazone or a salt thereof;
- 2) ~~5-[[6-(2-fluorobenzyl)oxy]-2-naphthyl]methyl]-2,4-thiazolidinedione;~~
- 3) ~~CS-011;~~

**and**

**4) ~~BM-13-1258;~~**

wherein said acidosis is diabetic acidosis or acidosis caused by a biguanide.

Claims 19-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the insulin sensitizer is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

Claims 25-30 (Cancelled)